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For: CONNECTING BARS FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND DEVICES FOR DIFFERENT NOMINAL CURRENTS.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 19, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Specification with the attached Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A connecting bar for connection of electrical components of electrical appliances and devices to an external circuit comprising: